

ACT 20

S. B. NO. 1429-72

A Bill for an Act Relating to Unadministered Small Estates.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 531-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 531-55 Duties of clerk and distribution. The clerk shall make diligent effort to ascertain the names and whereabouts of the heirs-at-law, or the whereabouts of the devisees or legatees of the deceased person and present evidence relating thereto to the court having jurisdiction of the proceedings. After the expiration of sixty days after the publication the clerk shall pay or distribute the money, funds, or property of the estate, or any balance thereof, after the payment of creditors’ claims presented within the time limited in section 531-54, either as an allowance for the support and maintenance of the surviving spouse or the dependents of the deceased or both, as authorized by the court or to or among such persons as may be found by the judge of the court sitting at chambers in probate, to be the persons entitled thereto as legatees, devisees, or distributees, the share of any hospitalized mentally ill or mentally deficient or epileptic to be paid to the institution of which he is a patient as a ward of the State for his maintenance and care and in case of a minor heir, if his share is less than \$500, to his natural guardian or to some suitable person having the maintenance and care of the minor as trustee for the minor to be used for the care and benefit of the minor and upon filing a proper receipt for the payment shall be thereby relieved, acquitted, and discharged from any and further liability therefor.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 1, 1972.)

*Edited accordingly.